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DATE: March 2, 2009

TO: All Local Health Departments
Attn: Chief Food Specialist

FROM: A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS
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SUBJECT: Rich Ice Cream Company Expands -Peanut Recall

SUGGESTED ACTION: Peanut Recall; Due to *Salmonella typhimurium*; Recommend notification of affected stores via phone, fax or e-mail.

From the information provided by FDA, the recalled products were distributed in Indiana. Rich's Candy Bar Avalanche is distributed in AL, CA, CO, CT, FL, GA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MO, NH, NJ, NY, NC, OH, OK, PA, PR, SC, TN, TX, VI, VA, Barbados and the Bahamas in bulk packages of 12, and sold to consumers in individual 10 fl. oz. ice cream cups, with UPC 75455-34100 on the individual package. Detail information is not available at this time. In addition, if any recalled product is found, please notify this office at 317-233-7360.

Rich Ice Cream Company Expands Precautionary Voluntary Multi-State Recall to Include Rich's Candy Bar Avalanche

Contact:
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE -- (West Palm Beach, FL – February 26, 2009) – As a precautionary measure in response to the ongoing investigations of Peanut Corporation of America (PCA) and its Texas facility, Rich Ice Cream Company, Inc. has expanded its voluntary recall to include Rich's Candy Bar Avalanche because the product may contain peanuts which have the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*.

Salmonella is an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with *Salmonella* often experience fever, diarrhea (which may be bloody), nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain. In rare circumstances, infection with *Salmonella* can result in the organism getting into the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses such as arterial infections (i.e., infected aneurysms), endocarditis and arthritis. For more information on *Salmonella*, please visit the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's website at www.cdc.gov.

Rich Ice Cream has received no complaints or reports of illnesses related to our product to date. The recall was initiated after it was determined that the supplier of chocolate peanut clusters used in the product may have used peanuts from PCA's Texas facility. PCA is no longer a supplier for any peanut product or ingredient used at Rich Ice Cream Company.

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Because Rich's Candy Bar Avalanche is typically consumed at the point of sale, it is unlikely that consumers will have the product on hand in their homes. However, if for some reason consumers have the product at home, they are instructed to dispose of it.

For further information, contact Rich Ice Cream at 561-833-7585 M-F between 7:30 and 4:30 EST.

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